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EARTH HOUR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Earth Hour is being observed by switching off all the electrical appliances leaving essential ones;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the electricity saved therefrom;

(c) whether State Governments have also joined this mission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the future plan of the Union Government for Conservation of electricity?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : The Earth Hour is a program, promoted by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The Government of India has no role to play in this programme.

(c) : The Ministry of Power, Government of India is not aware of any State joining the Earth Hour Programme.

(d) : Ministry of Power and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), have undertaken following initiatives for the conservation of electricity:

i. Energy efficiency labeling for 19 appliances.

ii. Fuel efficiency standard prescribed for passenger cars.

iii. Energy Conservation Building Codes (ECBC) formulated for energy efficiency improvement in commercial buildings.

iv. Demonstration projects on Demand Side Management (DSM) in Municipal, Household, Agriculture and Small & Medium Enterprises (SME) sectors.

v. Specific energy consumption norms prescribed for energy intensive industries notified as designated consumers.

vi. Capacity building of State Designated Agencies and Distribution Companies for effective implementation of energy efficiency programmes.

vii. Enabling investments in energy efficiency projects through a special purpose joint venture company, Energy Efficiency Service Ltd. (EESL), on a performance linked repayment business model.